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SUBJ: U. S. ENCOURAGEMENT OF GVN/ PRG FIELD DISCUSSIONS

REFS: A. SAIGON 7188 B. SAIGON 7192 C. SAIGON 7193

1. WE HEARTILY CONCUR IN EMBASSY COMMENDATION OF REPORTING
AND ANALYSIS FROM KONTUM AND NHA TRANG OF GVN CONTACTS
WITH OTHER SIDE IN HIGHLANDS. WE ALSO FIND THIS MOST
INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT AND GREATLY APPRECIATE THOROUGH
COVERAGE.

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2. WE BELIEVE TACK EMBASSY TAKING WITH THE GVN ON CONTACTS WITH THE NVA/ VC IS THE CORRECT ONE. AS NOTED IN REFTEL B, GVN HAS MODERATED ITS POSITION ON MEETINGS OF OPPOSING COMMANDERS, AND PRESENTED WHAT APPEARS TO US A REASONABLE COMPROMISE. WE HOPE THAT IF GVN PERFORMANCE IN TPJMC CONTINUES TO IMPROVE WITH GVN KEEPING THE INITIATIVE, THAT THIS CONFIDENCE CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO POLICY ON FIELD CONTACTS. THIS WILL INEVITABLY BE GRADUAL PROCESS GIVEN NEW AND UNCERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WE BELIEVE THIEU WILL WANT TO TEST EACH STEP BEFORE TAKING THE NEXT. HOWEVER, MOVEMENT SHOULD TAKE PLACE, AND EMBASSY POLICY OF DISCREET ENCOURAGEMENT IS, WE BELIEVE, THE CORRECT NOTE TO STRIKE.

3. WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS AGAIN DEPARTMENT' S APPRECIATION AT HIGHEST LEVELS FOR EXCELLENT REPORTING AND POLITICAL JUDGEMENTS ACROSS THE BOARD FROM EMBASSY AND CONSULATES- GENERAL. ROGERS

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